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SUBJECT: PRESS CLAIMS VANCE THREATENS BRAZIL OVER SHRIMP
BOAT SEIZURES

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1. SUMMARY. JUNE 29 JORNAL DE BRASILIA CARRIES COLUMN,
APPARENTLY BACKGROUNDED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY, OBJECTING TO
SECRETARY'S REMARKS TO SILVEIRA ON SHRIMP DURING THEIR
BILATERAL JUNE 22. GIST OF ARTICLE REMARKABLY CLOSE TO
POINTS MADE BY AMERICA'S DEPARTMENT CHIEF TO DCM IN JUNE 28
REPRESENTATION ON SHRIMPING IN BRAZILIAN WATERS (REF A). END SUMMARY.

2. CARLOS CONDE, INTERNATIONAL EDITOR OF THE JORNAL DE
BRASILIA, HAD A COLUMN--EXCERPTS ALSO APPEARED ON FRONT
PAGE--ON JUNE 29 ENTITLED "VANCE THREATENS BRAZIL" (REF B).
CONDE WROTE THAT SECRETARY VANCE, UPSET AT THE SEIZURES
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OF US-OWNED FISHING VESSELS BY BRAZILIAN NAVY HAD
THREATENED AN EMBARGO ON IMPORTATION OF BRAZILIAN
SHRIMP. THE COLUMN WAS CLEARLY BACKGROUNDED BY THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY SINCE THE GIST OF THE ARTICLE IS REMARKABLY
SIMILAR TO POINTS MADE BY CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT OF
AMERICAS TO DCM ON JUNE 27. CONDE'S ARTICLE DESCRIBEDS
FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA'S RESPONSE TO SECRETARY

VANCE'S INSINUATION OF RETALIATION DURING THE JUNE 22
BILATERAL AS FOLLOWS: "BRAZIL WOULD THEN LOOK FOR OTHER BUYERS".
THE COLUN GOES ON TO IMPLY THAT SECRETARY VANCE REALIZED THAT
HE HAD GONE TOO FAR AND ATTEMPTED TO SOFTEN THE IMPACT OF
HIS REMARKS BY SAYING THAT HE HAD NOT MEANT TO SAY EXACTLY
WHAT HIS WORDS SEEMED TO SIGNIFY.

3. IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE CONDE'S OWN INTERPRETATION
OF THE EXCHANGE OVER SHRIMP DURING THE VANCE-SILVEIRA BILATERAL,
HE DESCRIBES IT AS A "MINOR DIPLOMATIC INCIDENT" BUT
ONE CHARACTERIZING THE IMPERIAL STYLE AND PROVINCIALISM
OF US FOREIGN POLICY THAT DOES NOT TAKE ACCOUNT OF
BRAZIL'S GROWTH AND EXPANDING PRESENCE IN INTERNATIONAL
POLITICS AND TREATS BRAZIL ON THE SAME LEVEL AS THE
BANANA REPUBLICS.

4. COMMENT: CONDE'S COLUMN FREQUENTLY ZEROES IN ON
SENSITIVE DIPLOMATIC ISSUES AND THE PARTICULAR
SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS COLUMN IS THAT THE FONMIN CHOSE
TO GO PUBLIC WITH ITS VERSION AND SO SOON AFTER A
DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION ON SUBJECT.
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